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In re the application of
Vonderwalde et al.

Examiner: U. T. Ho

Group Art Unit: 3731

For: **STENT WITH COVER CONNECTORS**

Serial No.: 09/522,336

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**AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.